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Update on Central New Jersey Economic Recovery Funding

Central New Jersey is getting more than \$53 million for road construction and \$3 million for community development and social services, while the region will receive part of the state's \$47 million allocation for law enforcement justice assistance and \$14.4 million allocation for energy efficiency. I want to be sure that everyone in Central New Jersey gets the relevant information of these and other expenditures. For up-to-date detailed information, visit my website at **holt.house.gov**.



Rep. Holt hears from Central New Jersey residents about their concerns.

USEFUL CONNECTIONS

1-87-RUSH HOLT (1-877-874-4658)

▶ If you need your mortgage loan to be modified:

Governor Corzine's Loan Foreclosure
Mediation Program 1-888-989-5277
ALSO MY OFFICE CAN HELP

▶ If you have been laid off

NJ Unemployment (609) 292-2323
ALSO MY OFFICE CAN HELP

▶ COBRA Healthcare Assistance Subsidy

www.dol.gov/ebsa/cobra.html

▶ LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

www.njcommunityresources.info/njliheap.html

▶ Keep Track of Stimulus Funding

www.holt.house.gov www.recovery.gov
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DEAR FRIEND,

I've been hearing from thousands of New Jersey residents who need help in these difficult times and who want to know what their Representatives and President are doing to improve the country's economy. If ever there was a time for strong measures and decisive action it is now.

The infusion of hope, dollars, and opportunities that is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is a response to the demand for serious action. It injects hundreds of billions of job-creating dollars into many parts of our economy – transportation, construction, education, science and technology. It includes real



tax savings for 95 percent of American working families, and it prevents the Alternative Minimum Tax from hitting a million more New Jerseyans. There is funding for food bank provisioning, and rent, utility and mortgage assistance. It provides aid to our elementary and secondary schools, more money for students to go to college, and additional support and health coverage for those newly unemployed. The law is not perfect – no legislation is – yet, I expect we will look back on this as one good action necessary to prevent longer and deeper hardship.

Our success as a nation and the quality of our lives depend on each of us doing the best job we can in whatever work we do, on government ensuring fairness and reliability in social and economic transactions, and on our continuing investment in education and research to produce the new ideas necessary for growth. Our confidence may have been shaken, but we are a resilient people who have built and have done great things, and we will do so again.

As always, I urge you to contact me for assistance or about anything else on your mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Rush Holt in blue ink. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rush Holt, Your Representative in Congress

P.S. Please visit **holt.house.gov** to learn more about what I am working on and to sign up for my online newsletter — the eGenda.

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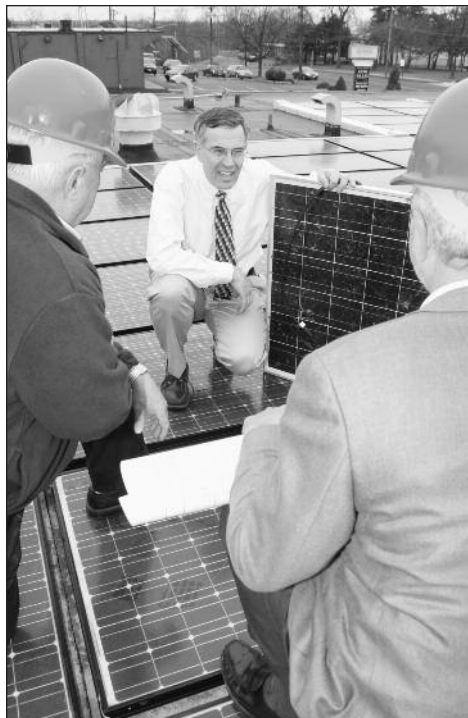
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Investing in Science and Technology

In his inaugural address President Obama said “we will restore science to its rightful place.” While this sentence can mean many things, such as no censorship of government scientists on the subjects of climate change and environmental regulation or no narrow ideological constraint on research, the President included this in a portion of his speech dealing with the economy. Indeed, science research is critical to our economic prosperity, both here in New Jersey and around the country. In the short term, research puts people to work – not just scientists, but also construction trades who renovate, machinists who build the devices and technicians who run them, student assistants and support staff. Over the long term, it is science that produces the new ideas necessary for economic growth.

This reawakened support for science was reflected in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. I worked successfully with the new Administration to include \$22 billion in new funding for science research and facilities, including \$3 billion for the National Science Foundation and \$10 billion for the National Institutes of Health, increases of 50 percent and 30 percent, respectively, over the current year’s funding. This will help prepare young scientists to make discoveries to alleviate diseases like Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, ALS, and cancer, to understand better our natural world, and to apply efficiencies to our use of energy. The Recovery Act also included billions of dollars



Rep. Holt visits a solar-paneled building in Lawrenceville. Holt helped pass the economic recovery bill, which makes significant investments in energy efficiency and conservation.

to apply technologies to save fuel bills, provide broadband communications, and better transportation for homes and businesses in cities, towns, and rural areas across the country.



Let's Talk

I frequently convene town hall meetings throughout the five counties and forty-four towns of the 12th Congressional District. The purpose of these town hall meetings is for you to tell me about issues that are affecting you, your family, and our community and for me to update you on some of

the work that I have been doing in Washington, D.C. and in New Jersey. I always announce new town hall meetings on the front page of my website – holt.house.gov – and in my newsletter, the eGenda. If you have any questions about upcoming meetings, please call me toll free at **1-87-RUSHHOLT**.

Investing in Education

Just as science research is necessary for long-term economic growth, so too is a smart, well-trained workforce. As a former educator and a university-based scientist, I understand how education makes our country more productive and competitive. An important part of stimulating our economy, both for the short term and for the long term, is putting serious funding into sound educational initiatives. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act makes investments to help New Jersey avoid teacher layoffs and other damaging cuts in this recession, help make college more affordable, help improve and expand early childhood development programs, and help give students the kind of individual attention that allows them to thrive.

It's not easy to find the wherewithal to support a student in higher education these days. New Jersey has developed a strong system of state colleges and universities, and an outstanding collection of community colleges, and many qualified students have taken advantage of the NJ Stars program to

attend. At the federal level, we have increased the maximum Pell Grants to \$5,350 in 2009 and \$5,550 in 2010 for qualifying college students.

To keep meeting the challenges of the future we need more teachers in the critical fields of science, math, and foreign language education. That's why I helped establish the TEACH grants, which provide up to \$16,000 over four years to students who commit to teaching these high-need fields for four years. Please contact me if you want further information about these or other federal grant and loan programs for higher education.

Rep. Holt discusses the importance of math and science education with students at Brookdale Community College.



Student Artists

Each year Members of Congress join together to recognize the creative spirit of high school students in a nationwide art competition. Framed artwork is collected, exhibited and judged, and the winning artwork from each congressional district is exhibited in the halls of Congress. Art teachers and others interested in the 12th Congressional District have been notified, and many students are working on their submissions. The artwork of our young people is impressive, and I invite you to see their work at an exhibition

**"Every child is an artist,
the problem is how to remain an
artist once we grow up."**

– Pablo Picasso

at the Paul Robeson Center of the Arts Council of Princeton from Thursday April 30 through Friday May 8, culminating with the awards ceremony and reception at 6:30 p.m. on the 8th. The gallery is located at 102 Witherspoon Street in Princeton (609-924-8777). More information and contest details are available at **1-87-RUSHHOLT**.